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1. On 15 August 1952, 25X1 fragment of a rocket fired by a ground attack plane at the Kremmen bomb and firing range.¹
2. The following observations were made at the range between 25 September and 8 October:
- 25 September. Between 8 and 10 a.m., four ground attack planes practiced firing at dummies at the range. Between noon and 2 p.m., formations of 10 and 11 ground attack planes practiced firing at ground targets in succession.
- 29 September. At 11 a.m., a formation of 12 ground attack planes flying in groups of 10 and 11 arrived at the range, and after circling once closed up and crossed the target area at an altitude of about 60 meters. All the planes released their two bombs simultaneously. The bombs exploded only after the entire formation had crossed the targets. White and black mushrooms of smoke rising to an estimated altitude of about 100 and 60 meters respectively were seen. Between 2 and 5 p.m. another formation of 10 ground attack planes practiced mass bombing at the field as was observed during the morning. Individual planes on practice bombing runs were also seen during the course of the day. In the evening, aircraft flying in groups of 2 and 5 practiced air-to-ground firing.
- 30 September. From 2 to 5 p.m., a formation of 11 ground attack planes practiced firing.
- 1 October. At 11 a.m. individual planes were observed firing at ground targets.
- 7 October. After 6:30 p.m., individual aircraft practiced bombing in clear moonlight from an altitude of 100 to 200 meters. Twenty-one detonations were heard prior to 8 p.m.
- 8 October. There was night bombing by individual planes in clear moonlight. No discharge of aircraft rockets was observed during the period from 25 September through 8 October. Trucks 25X1C seen proceeding to the Kremmen bomb range on 25 and 30 September respectively.²

25X1 1. 25X1 Comment. Information on the discharge of rockets from IL-10s practicing at the Kremmen bomb range was transmitted previously. 25X1A

25X1 2. 25X1 Comment. Kremmen bomb and firing range is used by the three regiments of the ground attack division in Doberitz. On 29 September, 25X1 mass bombing by the aircraft of one ground attack regiment flying in close formation. The vehicles observed belong to Doberitz airfield, from where they were probably dispatched to the Kremmen training area loaded with details charged with the setting up of dummies and observation missions.

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